

Please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE DISCLOSURE

Page 1, top of page above "Polyethylene-based compositions and processes"

INSERT --Title of the Invention--

Page 1, above line number 1, insert --Background of the Invention--.

Page 2, above line number 9, insert --Summary of the Invention--.

Page 2, above line number 16, insert --Detailed Description of the Invention--.

Page 9, above line number 2, insert --What is claimed is:--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Add claims 16, and 17 as follows:

16. Polyethylene-based composition according to Claim 1, wherein talc is added in an amount effective to increase a creep resistance of said composition.

17. The composition of Claim 15, wherein talc is added in an amount effective to increase a creep resistance of said composition.

REMARKS

The disclosure has been amended as suggested in the Office Action of January 27, 2000. Claims 16 and 17 have been added and are supported throughout the specification, in particular at page 7, line 1 to page 8, line 5. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of the Office Action of January 27, 2000 is respectfully solicited.

1. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Jenkins.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Claims 1 - 9 and 15 over Jenkins alone under 35 U.S.C. 103.